

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Flexer and Rep. Blumenthal, Vice-Chairs Sen. Slap and Rep. Morin-Bello, Ranking Members Sen. Sampson and Rep. Mastrofrancesco, and Distinguished Members of the GAE Committee,

In November, 60% of voters voted to change our State Constitution to allow for early voting. I am writing to express my support for SB1057 which calls for:

- ***10 Days of Early Voting***
- ***The hours of 10 am to 6 pm (8 am – 8 pm on the Wed/Thurs before the election)***
- ***Practice in general elections, as well as primaries.***

In addition I am supporting the following:

- ***A requirement that the state allocate funds to municipalities for the implementation of Early Voting – e.g. staffing of polling places, voter education/outreach, and the purchase of computers/tablets to update election procedures.***
- ***Concrete steps for the law to take effect for the 2023 elections, so that we are prepared for 2024 Federal elections.***

The legislature needs to implement early voting to ensure that our Constitutional rights are protected and enhanced in 2023 and beyond.